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FOR NEA/ASST SEC ATHERTON, AID/ASST ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER,
AND USIA/ASST DIRECTOR NALLE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FILM ON U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

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1. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GIVING
SOME PUSH TO OBTAINING WASHINGTON AGREEMENT FOR PRO-
DUCING A FILM ON THE HISTORY OF USAID ACTIVITIES IN
JORDAN IN CONNECTION WITH KING HUSSEIN'S SILVER
JUBILEE ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING AND SUMMER. AID
HISTORY HERE AND SILVER JUBILEE OF KING ROUGHLY
COINCIDE. HOWEVER THERE ARE NOW IMPORTANT POLITICAL
REASONS FOR DOING SO. UNFORTUNATELY, REFTTEL C INFORMED US THAT
AID COULD NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO REALIZE
SUCH A PROJECT; I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN FIND A WAY
TO DO SO.

2. I KNOW I DO NOT NEED TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE
SOME COMPELLING REASONS NOW TO REASSURE THE KING
AND THE JORDANIAN PUBLIC, THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS,
OF THE VIABILITY OF THEIR CONTINUING U.S. RELATIONSHIP.
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IN ADDITION TO LARGER BILATERAL ISSUES, THE JUBILEE IS
BEGINNING ALSO TO ASSUME A POLITICAL IMPORTANCE, COMING AS
IT DOES IN THE WAKE OF THE WASHINGTON POST HUSSEIN/CIA
STORY AND IN PERIOD FOLLOWING THE KING'S APRIL TRIP
TO WASHINGTON. WE ARE TRYING TO DO A NUMBER OF
THINGS TO DEMONSTRATE THE LONG TERM COMMITMENT OF
OUR RELATIONS AND THUS PROVIDE REASSURANCE TO THE

KING. THE JUBILEE FILM TO BE SHOWN HERE IS ONE SUCH ITEM.

3. ACCORDINGLY, I FEEL ALSO THERE WOULD BE A SERIOUS AND UNWARRANTED NEGATIVE REACTION IN OUR PRESENTING THE GOJ THROUGH JORDAN TELEVISION A TURNDOWN OF THE REQUEST FOR A JUBILEE TELEVISION PROGRAM DETAILING THE USG PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT IN JORDAN DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS, GIVEN THE CLOSENESS OF OUR USAID RELATIONSHIP AND THE CENTRALITY OF OUR AID TO U.S.-JORDANIAN RELATIONS. SPECIFICALLY, THE WOODWARD WASHINGTON POST STORY HAS PRODUCED MANY LOCAL ATTITUDES INCLUDING A FEELING BY SOME QUESTIONING THE CONTINUITY AND LEVEL OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO OFFSET THESE ATTITUDES.

4. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN JOINTLY REVIEW AND RECONSIDER THIS PROJECT AND HELP US TO PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING WORTHWHILE WITH THE ABOVE DIFFICULTIES IN MIND.
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